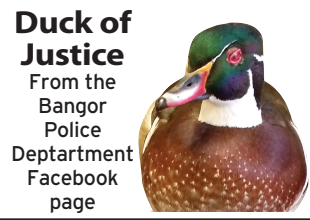


From the Bangor Police: Secrets of the Duck of Justice



Duck of Justice
From the Bangor Police Department Facebook page

Next time you wonder where the cops are when you need us, try giving us a call. We have advertised for a complete platoon of “mind reading telepathic communications specialists with the ability to see the future.” Preference given to those trained in arthroscopic brain surgery. We would settle for someone with a grandmother that still makes homemade molasses donuts. None of them pass the background investigation. No, not the grandmothers. The folks that claim they can read our minds and see the future. I only tell you this to let you know that if you see something suspicious or

highly illegal and dangerous going on, you just need to pull out your portable Internet surfing device and find the “phone” function. Our number should be stored in there if you spend enough time in Bangor. Here, let me share it with you. 207-947-7384. 911 can be used if it is an emergency. Sending us a message on Facebook the day you “smell a gas leak” is not going to help if we are not on Facebook at that time. And yes, it has happened. We got the message six hours later. Seriously. Would you go to a wedding without an invitation? Would you show up at a birthday party without someone telling you that it was Stefan’s 50th? No, because you don’t even know someone named Stefan. Facebook is a great way to communicate with us. However, it is not monitored 24 hours a day. If you need us, call us. We do not

miraculously show up unless your coffee smells really good or it’s discount “buzz cut” day at the local barber shop. In the time that it takes to complain that you never see a cop when you need one, you could call and we would swing by. No, it is not a Turducken. It is the Duck of Justice. Yes, it is a real duck. Recent tests, which included a polygraph examination and an X-ray, done by the professionals on the Bangor Department Bomb Squad proved that he was an actual duck. Their report only said that his “giblets” were missing. I explained to them that he was memorialized in his current state after a hunting accident in the early 80’s. He was lovingly restored by master of taxidermy and kept in the halls of justice among the fine practitioners of law

at the Penobscot County District Attorney’s Office, for years. I have even considered adding the word, Esquire, to his business card. He only came to us when an angry employee, discarded him because he was “difficult to dust.” She also felt that he stared at her too much from his shelf and event though he was never written up, he was warned about the conduct. We are thankful that he has continued his career with us. We hope you are thankful as well. We do know that if the duck had been anywhere near Plymouth for the first Thanksgiving dinner, he would have never had it this good. The ladies and gentlemen of the Bangor Police Department hope that your day of thanks was safe and enjoyable. The men and women of the Bangor Police Department will be here!

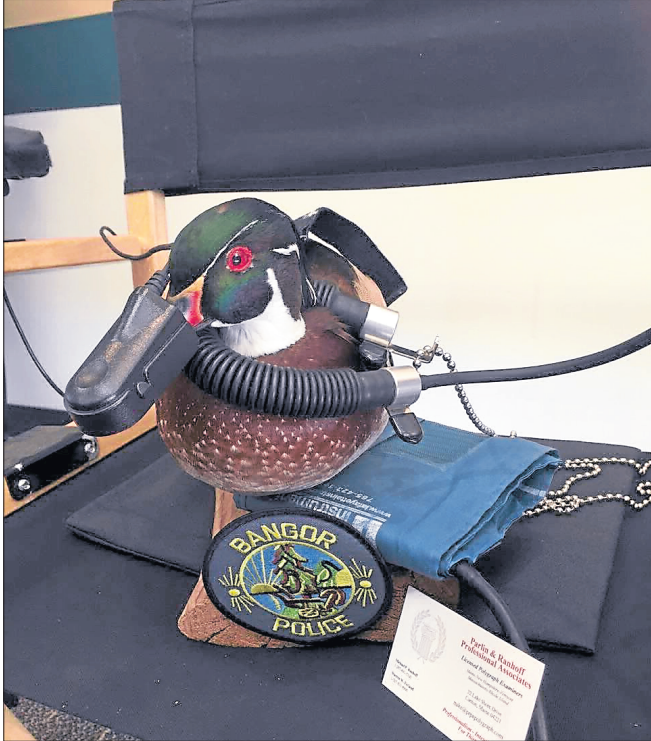


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The Duck of Justice has his vital signs taken during a typical day at the office at the Bangor Police Department.

University of Maine community gives back for the holidays

In an effort to give back to the community, several University of Maine groups are leading charitable efforts throughout the holiday season. The Black Bear Exchange, UMaine’s food pantry and clothing exchange, provided Thanksgiving meals to its clients who will be in the area for the holiday. The UMaine Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism is collecting gifts for the Holiday Sharing Program, which

serves more than 1,000 children in the local community. The program is a partnership between the center, Crossroads Ministries Food Pantry, Toys for Tots, Orono-Old Town Kiwanis, Orono Health Association and many student and staff groups on campus. Gifts can be dropped off at the Bodwell Center, 311 Memorial Union, or at Crossroads Ministries, 2 Wood St. in Old Town. The deadline for gift donations is Dec. 11. The Holiday Sharing Program began in 2004 as a partnership between the Bodwell Center and Crossroads Ministries.

Each year, Crossroads contacts families in need while the Bodwell Center works to encourage campus and community organizations, as well as local businesses to collect gifts and spread awareness of the program. In 2014, the program helped more than 1,100 children in the Orono-Old Town area. For more information about the program, call Jennifer Aldrich, community engagement coordinator at the Bodwell Center, at 581-3097. The Classified Employees Advisory Council (CEAC) and Professional Employees Advisory

Council (PEAC) will collect nonperishable food items and monetary donations for the Black Bear Exchange at the UMaine Employee Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 14 in Wells Commons. During last year’s event, the CEAC raised 277 pounds of food and \$52. The groups hope to raise even more this year and are grateful for all of the community support. In addition, the CEAC will continue to accept donations throughout the holiday season. Donation boxes have been placed at several locations around campus including Alumni Hall, rooms 201, 213, 218,

229 and the Bursar’s Office on the first floor; 101 North Stevens Hall; and Fogler Library. Several UMaine fraternities and sororities also are getting involved by holding toy, clothing and food drives. Alpha Tau Omega will host its annual Blue and Gold Christmas, a competition-based philanthropy event that collects clothes, books, nonperishable food and monetary donations for Crossroads Ministries. Teams from Greek Life and other student organizations will be given a tree to decorate, along with a donation box. Teams

score points for donations and tree decorations. The trees, which will be on display in the Memorial Union from Nov. 30 to Dec. 11, will be judged by university officials. The philanthropy will also feature events in the community. Pi Beta Phi and Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) will host the annual Pi Phi/FIJI Christmas event, set for 4–6 p.m. Dec. 11 at the FIJI fraternity house, located at 79 College Ave. Donations for the Bodwell Center and Crossroads Ministries will be collected during the Christmas/holiday-themed reception.

Brewer Methodist Choir presents Christmas concert

The North Brewer Ed-dington United Methodist Christmas Choir will present the Christmas Cantata “Mary, Did You Know?” under the direction of Herbert Hopkins with accompanists Dora Rexrode and Colin Graebert and narration by Doug Gardner. Performances are at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 in Brewer at the Leach Home, and again at Woodlands Assisted Living at 3:15 p.m., and then on Sunday, Dec. 20 at the Church service at the North Brewer Eddington United Methodist Church (Rt. 9) at 10 a.m., and in Bangor at 2 p.m. at Sunbury Village Retirement Home. For directions to any of these locations, call 843-5357. The public is invited to attend any of these free perfor-

mances. The Choir participants are: Judy Adams, Robert Adams, Donna M. Boyle, Dottie Boynton, Merrill Boynton, Jeanette Collins, Gail DeBeck, Doug Gardner, Coralie Giles, Colin Graebert, Herb Hopkins, Carol Jordan, Melva Kent, Roscoe Kent, Cheryl Long, Weldon Long, Ethel Mathews, La Forest Mathews, Ruth Munson, Joy Royal-Nevers, Dora Rexrode, Molly Stevens, Patrick Stevens, and Lois Weeks.

Area man to run from Brewer to Abbot to raise money for suicide awareness

Anthony Campbell will turn 55 on Dec. 18. To mark his birthday, he will run from Brewer to Abbot in one day. His goal is to raise \$5,500 for The JD Foundation, a nonprofit, 501 (c) 3

that works to prevent suicides through education, awareness and holistic approaches, including nature walks, hikes, retreats and more. Campbell will start begin his run at 4 a.m. He expects to reach The JD Foundation headquarters at 107 Main Rd. in Abbot at around 2 p.m. To make a donation to help Campbell reach his fundraising goal, go to www.gofundme.com/f63483pw. To date, \$1,000 has been raised.

Smartphone workshop for tech novices set for US Cellular locations

In the midst of the holiday season, planning and staying in touch with loved ones can be challenging. This year, 62 percent of smartphone owners are using mobile devices to plan for the holidays.

U.S. Cellular will host a free device workshop from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 403 Wilson St. in Brewer, and 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, 33 Mid Mall Blvd. in Bangor. Current or potential smartphone users can ask questions and learn about devices, accessories and apps. Local U.S. Cellular experts will be available to tell you about mobile features that can optimize your holiday experience, such as built-in calendars and downloadable apps. The workshop is open to everyone, and you don’t have to be a U.S. Cellular customer to attend. “We want the Bangor area community to get the most out of their devices,” said Matt Kasper, director of sales for U.S. Cellular in New England. “Whether you are vacationing or staying home this holiday season, our high-quality network can help you plan

your holidays and stay connected with loved ones wherever you are.” Please call U.S. Cellular’s store in Brewer at 207-989-3291 or Bangor at 207-942-5218 to RSVP to the workshop.

Fly-tying classes planned by Penbosct Fly Fishers

Penobscot Fly Fishers will again offer their annual basic fly tying class. The eight week course will be held Mondays from 6-8 p.m. at the Penobscot County Conservation Association 570 North Main St. in Brewer. The classes will start on the January 4, 2016 the first Monday in January. The course is designed to expose students to a variety of tying tools, techniques and materials in order to give them a solid foundation in this sport. The eve-

nings will start with a discussion of the pattern that we will be tying and the materials used, followed by a demonstration of the pattern by one of our instructors. The students will then head to their vises to practice the pattern under the tutelage of our staff. There should be ample time for each student to complete a number of flies each night. The course fee is \$40 and includes all the necessary materials and the use of fly tying tools during class time. All students under 17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Please make checks payable to: Penobscot Fly Fishers, PO Box 651, Brewer, Maine 04412. You may also pay for the class online at penobscotflyfishers.com. For information, contact Rob Dunnett 907-9008 or email treasurer@penobscotflyfishers.com. Class is limited to 30 students.

Bangor Rotary charity dinner and gala set for Dec. 10

Bangor Area Breakfast Rotary Club’s 2015 annual Holiday Dinner and Auction Gala will be held 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at Spectacular Events Center, 395 Griffin Road. Bring an unwrapped toy for Bangor Area Toys for Tots. Silent and live auctions, hors d’oeuvres, dinner, dessert, cash bar, raffle, Instant Wine Cellar

Heads or Tails game. Special guests will be Santa Claus and U.S. Marine Corps representatives with Toys for Tots program. All proceeds go toward helping to provide toys for the Greater Bangor Area Toys for Tots, which works with nonprofits to distribute toys to children in Penobscot, Piscataquis and Hancock counties; and the Bangor Area Breakfast Rotary Club, whose priority for charitable giving locally is to children at risk.

Prices are \$75 for a single ticket; \$525 for a table of eight; and \$250 for a table sponsorship. All table sponsorships will have a toy donated in their name, the night of the event, to Toys for Tots. Deadline to buy tickets is Dec. 3 at bangorrotarygala.eventbee.com.

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